

A bill making an appropriation to pay a judgment rendered in the District Court of Galveston County, against James H. Cock, deceased, late Collector of Customs, for the late Republic of Texas, in favor of Samuel Jones, partner of the firm of E. P. Kalkin & Co., and

A bill for the relief of Wm. Frels.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, a bill to incorporate the Texas Insurance and Saving Fund Association, with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering amendments thereto, was taken up; read—amendments adopted; bill passed to a 3d reading.

Rule suspended; bill read 3d time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Hord, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Palmer, Pedigo, Potter, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Millican and Taylor of Fannin—3.

Mr. Taylor of Houston, moved to take up a bill for the relief of the heirs of Martin Murchison, deceased, with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering an amendment thereto—carried.

The amendment offered by the committee was adopted and the bill passed to a 3d reading.

Rule suspended; bill read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Scarborough, a bill to define the time for holding Courts in the 12th Judicial District, with the report of the Judiciary committee, offering amendments thereto, was read—amendments adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended; bill read a 3d time and passed.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill, granting to Jeremiah H. Halford the privilege of building a bridge &c.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, August 20th, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. McDade presented the memorial of W. H. Mayo, C. F.

Whittington and M. S. Clare—referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Bryan, Chairman of the committee on Education, made the following report:

The committee on Education to which was referred A bill creating a fund for the erection and support of a Lunatic Asylum, instruct me to report a substitute for the same.

All are interested in the erection of this Asylum, the intelligent and the ignorant, the rich and the poor, and especially the latter.

Which of us can tell at what time some one of his own family may not be deprived of reason—a wife, a child, a sister, a brother, or a dear friend may, when least expected, become a raving lunatic.

Insanity, like sickness and death, is the heritage of all classes—it visits the log cabin and the palace, the bond and the free.

The able statesman, the gallant soldier, the faithful citizen, the philanthropist and christian, each of whom can say, I am a part of my country, may from casualty or disease or other cause, become a pitiable, a dangerous, and even a disgusting object to his best friends.

To whom, in this awful hour of extremity, can he look for aid? To his friends? They cannot render it—their house is no longer a fit habitation for him. His appeal then must be to his God and his country. That country which he has served owes him protection, and with divine assistance may clothe him once again with the attributes of reason, and replace him, redeemed and in the bosom of his family and among his friends, as he once stood, or it may ameliorate his condition and smoothe his pathway to the grave.

There is another, and a numerous, and because more helpless, the most deserving class of these unfortunate lunatics. I allude to the poor and unfriended, who have no gold to purchase friends or aid. What is their fate? The felon's doom, chains and a cell in a county jail. Jails are often made "Asylums" for the poor, or raving lunatics.

The government is responsible to the people for its omissions, as well as for its commissions, it must take care of its citizens. This society demands—it was for this that our government was instituted, and when it neglects to do so, the servant forgets his duty, and usurps the prerogative of the master.

The appeals for relief made to this Senate a few days since, by several of their unfortunate people, remind us now of our neglect, and admonish us to do our duty.

Let us then be mindful of our obligations, and may the Senate, without a dissenting voice, pass the accompanying bill for the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum. It is the unanimous voice of the committee, and they have instructed me to report a bill for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum, as a substitute, which provides that fifty thousand dollars shall be immediately applied under the direction of the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer, for the construction of a suitable building for an Asylum. Ten thousand dollars for the current expenses of the same; three Commissioners to select the site and the appointment by the Governor of a superintendent; recommending its adoption and the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was suspended, the report and bill taken up, and the substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Rule farther suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor:

A bill for the relief of Henry C. Lentz and David Holderman.

A bill for the relief of Arthur G. Wavell.

" " " " " Wm. Herrington of Anderson county.

" " " " " P. G. Moffatt.

A bill amending and supplementary to an act, amending and supplementary to an act to incorporate the Henderson and Burkville Railroad Company, passed by a constitutional majority on the 24th day of January, 1856.

A bill for the relief of James W. Taylor.

A bill to consolidate in one act and to amend the several acts incorporating the city of Galveston; and

A bill for the relief of James Wall.

Mr. Whitaker, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims No. 2, to which was referred A bill for the relief of John A. Robb, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Whitaker, chairman of the same committee, made the following report:

The committee on Private Land Claims No. 2, have examined the House bill for the relief of Patrick O'Donnell, and

find that he entered the army of the late Republic of Texas, in 1839, and that he is a citizen of the State; but there has been no evidence of his continued residence, or that he remained in the republic for the time necessary, to entitle him to land.

Mr. Pirkey, from the same committee, made the following report:

The committee on Private Land Claims No. 2, have considered A bill for the relief of Wm. Lee.

The facts seem to be that said Lee is the assignee of a pre-emption claim, settled under the law of 22d January, 1845. The transfer is incomplete, and the field-notes were not returned in time, according to the provisions of the act of 7th January, 1845, which prevents a patent from issuing. As the petitioner is prevented from obtaining a patent solely in consequence of his own negligence, and as he can now purchase the land at fifty cents per acre, the committee are of opinion, that the Legislature should not be further troubled with his application, and therefore have instructed me to report the bill back and recommend its indefinite postponement.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, reported correctly engrossed:

A Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to convene the Legislature in extra session, in the event of the election of the Anti-Slavery, (commonly called the Black Republican) candidate, to the Presidency; and

A bill to prevent the sale of intoxicating drinks within the limits of the league of land in Fayette county, granted to Franklin Lewis, on which the town of Rutersville is situated.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed

A bill to authorize certain counties, cities and towns to aid in the construction of railroads by subscription to their stock, and to provide for the payment of the same, originating in the House.

Also the following bills originating in the Senate:

A bill to establish a Code of Criminal Procedure for the State of Texas.

A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Dawson B. Charlton; and

A bill to incorporate Ida Lodge No. 14, of the I. O. O. F.

And that the House has concurred in the amendments of the

Senate to A bill to adopt and establish a Penal Code for the State of Texas.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report :

The committee on Claims and Accounts, to which was referred the petition of S. W. Pepkin, asking pay for service in the Vasques campaign, in the spring of 1842, find that said Pipkin was a volunteer in said service and has not been paid for the same. The committee therefore instruct me to report the accompanying bill for his relief and recommend its passage.

A bill for the relief of S. W. Pepkin—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. McDade, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, bill read a 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Bryan introduced A bill for the relief of certain persons therein named—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Hord introduced A bill for the relief of the heirs of John James, dec'd—read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 1 ; and

A bill to incorporate the Nueces Bridge and Turnpike company—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. McCulloch introduced A bill to provide for the sale of certain reserved lands therein named—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Armstrong introduced A bill for the relief of persons wounded by hostile Mexicans or Indians—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Potter introduced A bill relinquishing to the Galveston Dry Dock company, the right of the State of Texas to 25 acres of land on Pelican flats, in Galveston Bay—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Taylor of Cass offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Senate will entertain no new business of a private character after the 23d inst., except by a two-third vote.

Laid over one day under the rule of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of bills reported from the House. 1stly. Senate's

bills with amendments. 2ndly. of House bills reported by committees, and 3rdly of House bills on their first reading.

A bill to validate a survey and patent upon the headright certificate of John R. Rogers, with an amendment—read and amendment concurred in by the Senate.

A bill to create the county of Lasalle, with an amendment—read and the amendment concurred in by the Senate.

A bill to provide for the safe keeping of the Libraries of the Supreme Court, at the several branches thereof, with an amendment—read, and the Senate refused to concur in the amendment.

A bill to quiet land titles, with amendments from the House—read, and laid on the table until to-morrow morning, by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Barroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Lott, Martin, Millican, Pedigo, Pirkey, Scott, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford and White—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Bryan, Caldwell, Hill, Hord, McCulloch, McDade, Maverick, Palmer, Potter, Superviele, Taylor of Fannin and Whitaker—12.

A bill for the relief of John W. McKnight—read and passed to 3rd reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of John Harwood, E. J. Blair, and the heirs of John B. Murphrell, dec'd.—read and passed to a 3rd reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to extend the time for procuring unconditional head-right certificates, where conditional certificates have heretofore issued—read and rejected.

A bill to incorporate Woodville College—read and laid on the table.

A bill to amend the 4th section of An act to change the 6th and 9th Judicial Districts of the State of Texas and to define the times of holding courts therein—read and passed to 3rd reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of F. J. Bellows, dec'd.—read and passed to 3rd reading.

A bill for the relief of Ruth McFaddin—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes—read and made the special order for Monday next, the 25th instant.

A bill for the relief of C. W. Peterson—read, and the amendment offered by the committee on Finance—adopted.

The bill was then passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Peter Dowd—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Flanagan moved to reconsider a vote rejecting A bill for the relief of the heirs of Samuel S. Washburn—carried, and the bill laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of David F. Owens and Abner B. Spier, their assignees and vendees, with report of the Judiciary committee, recommending its rejection, read, and on motion of Mr. Caldwell, the report was lain on the table.

Mr. Caldwell offered A bill for the relief of David F. Owens and Abner B. Spier, as a substitute.

Mr. Palmer moved to refer the bill and substitute to the committee on the Judiciary—lost.

The substitute was then adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, McDade, Martin, Millican, Pedigo, Pirkey, Truit, Whitaker and White—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, McCulloch, Maverick, Palmer, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin and Taylor of Houston—11.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin, the 3d section was amended by striking out "vested" before "rights."

Mr. Palmer offered the following as a substitute for 3d section:

"That this act shall in no way be construed to affect the rights of other parties heretofore acquired, or now under investigation by the Courts, but the same shall be left to be settled by the courts of the country in the same manner as if this act had not been passed, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage;" adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time, and upon the final passage the yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Grimes, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Pedigo, Pirkey, Taylor of

Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Burroughs, Guinn, McCulloch, Palmer, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele and Taylor of Houston—10.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the vote just taken was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the vote on the engrossment of the bill was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, the vote adopting the amendment offered by Mr. Palmer, was reconsidered by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bryan, Burroughs, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Hill, McDade, Martin, Pedigo, Pirkey, Scott, Superviele, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Guinn, McCulloch, Maverick, Palmer, Potter, Scarborough, Taylor of Fannin and Taylor of Houston—9.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Flanagan moved a further suspension of the rule—lost.

Mr. Palmer moved to take up A bill supplemental to an act to provide for the navigation of the rivers, &c.—lost.

A bill for the relief of Eli Mitchell—read and rejected.

Mr. Guinn moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, the motion was laid upon table.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to Alex. Lacey, assignee of David McIver—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Taylor of Cass introduced A bill amendatory of and supplemental to an act to encourage the improvement of the navigation of the rivers and other navigable waters of Texas, by making appropriations for the same—read 1st time.

Rule suspended, bill read 2d time and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3d time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Burroughs, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Hord, McCulloch, McDade, Maverick, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Scarborough, Scott,

Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—26.

NAYS—Messrs. Millican, Potter and Taylor of Fannin—3.

Mr. Pedigo introduced A bill to define the 15th Judicial District, and define the time of holding courts therein—read 1st time.

Rule suspended, bill read 2d time and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, the motion to reconsider the vote rejecting A bill for the relief of Eli Mitchell, was taken up and the vote reconsidered.

The bill was then passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Joseph Morrison—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief Swen Bergstrom—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Waverly Institute—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Guinn, Hill, McCulloch, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford and Whitaker—23.

NAYS—None.

A bill for the relief of Schuyler B. Skidmore—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported

A bill for the relief of S. W. Pepkin, correctly engrossed.

A bill attaching a portion of Falls county to Bell county, including Elm Creek, with an amendment offered by the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, read, and the amendment adopted, and the bill passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A message was received from the House informing the Sen-

ate that the House had passed the following bills originating in that body:

A bill authorizing the disposition and sale of the University Lands.

A bill to improve the Capitol Grounds.

A bill to incorporate the European and American Colonization society in Texas.

A bill for the relief of Elijah Earl.

A bill for the Collection and Republication of the General Laws of Texas.

A bill for the relief of J. B. Brownrigg.

" " " " " " " certain pre-emption settlers within the Houston land district.

Also originating in the Senate:

A bill authorizing and requiring the issuance of patents upon certain surveys in Peter's Colony; and

A bill for the relief of certain persons therein named, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin, the House bill for the relief of certain persons therein named, was taken up, and the amendments of the House concurred in.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Lucy Jordan, dec'd.—laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of Thomas Beatty—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Edward Teal, Sen.—laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of Patsey Kitchens, Elizabeth Smith and Francis L. Blanton—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of certain persons therein named—read.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the bill was amended by adding: "Provided, that said parties have never received a headright from the Republic or State of Texas.

The bill was then passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Edward F. Stansbury—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Solomon Wideman—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of R. F. Millard's heirs and the widow and heirs of Sam'l P. Carson—read and passed to 3d reading.

Mr. Guinn moved to amend the bill by striking out "one league" and inserting "one-third league"—lost and the bill passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Antonio Fuentes, dec'd.—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin, the vote refusing to engross A bill for the relief of the heirs of Sam'l Washburn, dec'd., was reconsidered, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Lucy Jordan, dec'd.—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Scarborough, chairman of the committee on printing, to which was referred A Joint Resolution on the proposition of Ernest Raven for binding the Journals and Special and General laws of the 6th Legislature, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, the Senate adjourned till half-past 4 o'clock, P. M.

4½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

A Joint Resolution authorizing the binding of the laws and journals of the 6th Legislature, under consideration, when the Senate adjourned, was taken up, read, and

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, made the special order for to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

A bill for the relief of Robert McWilliams—read 2d time and passed to a 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Willis Collins and other persons therein named—read 2d time and passed to a 3d reading.

On motion of Mr. Millican, the rule was suspended and bill read 3d time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the bill was amended by adding "provided, that these parties have never received any headright certificates."

The bill was then passed.

A bill for the relief of H. J. DeWitt, Josiah W. DeWitt,

and the heirs and legal representatives of Tho's. P. Fowle—read and laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of Mrs. Mary Hamilton's heirs—read and passed to a 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill to authorize the County Courts of Bell, Milam, Nueces, Live Oak, Williamson and Burnett counties, to levy a special tax for two years; with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering amendments thereto, read, amendments adopted and bill passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Maverick, Palmer, Pedigo, Potter, Supervie, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston and Whitaker—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Millican, Scott, Truit, Weatherford and White—9.

A bill for the relief of George Grounds—read and passed to a 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

Joint Resolution validating the election of the corporate officers of the town of Castroville, with the report of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, recommending its indefinite postponement—read, and the report adopted.

A bill for the relief of Seth Hazel—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of John A. Robb—read and passed to 3d reading.

Mr. Lott moved to strike out the word "assignee"—lost.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Patrick O'Donnel—read and indefinitely postponed.

A bill for the relief of Wm. Lee, with report of the committee on Private Land Claims No. 2, recommending its rejection—read, and the report adopted.

A bill for the relief of H. J. DeWitt and Josiah W. DeWitt, and the heirs and legal representatives of Thomas P. Fowle was,

On motion of Mr. Whitaker, taken from the table, read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill for the relief of F. J. Bellows, deceased—read and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Caldwell introduced A bill for the relief of George W. Glascock—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the rule was suspended, and bill read 2d time.

Mr. Lott moved to strike out the words "George W. Glascock, assignee of."

On motion of Mr. White, the bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to amend an act to change the sixth and ninth Judicial Districts, approved 18th December, 1855—read and laid on the table.

A bill to authorize the County Court of Karnes County to levy an additional tax for the purpose of building a jail—read and laid on the table.

Joint Resolution amending the Constitution—read 1st time.

A bill for the relief of Joseph Henson—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Truit, the rule was suspended, bill read 2d time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 2.

A bill for the relief of Peter F. Houston—read 1st time.

Rule suspended, bill read 2d time and referred to the committee No. 2, on Private Land Claims.

A bill for the relief of Dennis Meade and Richard Meade—read 1st time.

Rule suspended, bill read 2d time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for the relief of Geo. W. Grover and others therein named—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was suspended, bill read 2d time.

Mr. Lott moved to refer the bill to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 2—lost, and the bill passed to a 3d reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, Mr. Lott was added to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 2.

A bill for the relief of Samuel B. Dickinson—read 1st time.

Rule suspended, bill read 2d time and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill for the relief of Almanson Huston—read 1st time.

Rule suspended, bill read 2d time and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, A bill to create the county of Cibolo, was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, the blank in the bill was filled with "Brooks."

Mr. McCulloch offered the following amendment, add :
 "And that this county be attached to the 4th Judicial District; the district courts of which shall meet on the last Mondays in February and August of each year, and hold its sessions one week."

Adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the Senate adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, Aug. 21st, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Hill presented the petition of S. B. Redfield—referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. White presented the petition of J. M. White—referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pirkey, from the committee on Private Land Claims No. 2, made the following report :

The committee on Private Land Claims No. 2, have had under consideration A House bill for the relief of Nathaniel Prescott, Eliza Green, R. S. Wheat and L. G. McGahey.

The committee find no testimony in favor of Nathaniel Prescott, and that that in favor of Wheat and McGahey, is insufficient, and that Green shows himself not entitled. I am therefore instructed to return the bill unrecommended.

Mr. White introduced A bill granting certain flats to riparian owners at Indianola—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed :

A bill defining the time for holding the Districts Courts in the twelfth Judicial District.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Insurance and Saving Fund Association.